

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING,  
PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR  
DESTRUCTION**

**MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**Article 3**

Co-Chairs (*Bulgaria and New Zealand*)

Distinguished delegates

As a State Party, we remain actively engaged with our national stakeholders to meet our obligations under the Convention. In this regard, I am pleased to submit that the total number of mines retained by the Royal Bhutan Army is 245 MNM-14 mines and 245 M-16 mines. The mines are retained solely for training purposes and all officers and troops are imparted with basic mine laying and mine clearing training. Officers and troops also undergo specialized trainings in mine clearing and removal of IEDs. A week-long training is conducted for all officers and troops annually. The training includes mine identification and awareness, minefield marking and layout, detection and destruction techniques.

Thank you.

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